



SINCE first our sires stood beside the stream,
And fired the shot that echoed 'round the world,
Has come to pass the epoch of their dream
When to the April breeze th'ir flag unfurled.

TODAY, where floats the Stars and Stripes, we deem
Each star defiance at the tyrant hurled;
Each stripe a bar 'gainst despots, too, would seem
To interpose for human rights imperiled.

TODAY, in foreign lands, the flag is flung
Against a crimson sky across the sea,
Where battle's bane from out the land has wrung
Its dreadful toll. It promises to free
Each nation, and to number each among
All peoples in a worldwide liberty.

—HARLOWE R. HOYT.



North Carolina Led Colonies in Freedom's Fight

It is popularly supposed that the independence of the United States began on a Fourth of July in Philadelphia, but down in the Old North State is a community that threw off the British yoke more than a year before the

Tumult in the city, in the quaint old Quaker town announced the first general step toward the freedom of the colonies.

In 1765 the British parliament passed the stamp act. When the first strop of war arrived off Cape Fear from England carrying stamped paper the people terrorized the captain until he was afraid to land his stuff, and then they captured the stamp officer from the governor and made the officer take oath that he would not attempt to enforce the use of stamps. A year later the stamp act was repealed. But North Carolina had found that she had a power when the people arose, and the English crown was never again sure of its ground in the colony.

The people asserted the right of free assembly after that, and the assumption led to numerous clashes with the governor until in May, 1771, the governor, with soldiers, proceeded against a band of men calling themselves Regulators; and a few miles north of Southern Pines a battle was fought in which more than 100 casualties occurred on both sides, nearly two score being killed. This was the first bloodshed in the Revolution. The injudicious governor, whose force was victorious, aroused further hatred on the part of the people by hanging a number of his prisoners. Herman Husband, the leader of the Regulators, escaped and went to Pittsburgh, where he settled, dying later at Philadelphia.

The feeling was fanned by the extreme acts of each side, until a state

convention was held at Newbern in August, 1774. The meeting of the colonial legislature, which followed, practically endorsed the radical views of the convention, which was proclaimed by the governor to be anarchy. The result was that the legislature was dissolved and the governor took refuge on a ship of war in Cape Fear river.

In May, 1775, the people of Mecklenburg county had a convention, and they took occasion, nearly 14 months before the Declaration of Independence was issued at Philadelphia, to say that—

Ringed Declaration.
"We declare ourselves a free and independent people; are and of right ought to be a sovereign and independent self-governing association, under no power than that of our God and the general government of congress.

To the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes and our most sacred honor."

The convention that adopted such startling resolutions of independence undertook to lay the foundation for a government for North Carolina until a suitable and stable form could be provided by congress, and from that day the authority of the British crown was exhibited only during those few times when Cornwallis made his ventures with more or less varying success on the territory of the colony.

North Carolina was the first of the colonies to have an English settlement, the first to shed blood in the war for independence, and the first to give utterance in explicit form to that independence. Nor was the declaration of the people of Mecklenburg the sole manifestation of the sentiment in the matter. At Fayetteville, on Cape Fear river below Southern Pines, another Declaration of Independence antedated that of Philadelphia. The people in Cumberland county, of which Fayetteville is the capital, issued their statement in June of 1775, insisting that resort to arms was justified, and pledging each other to sacrifice life and fortune to the freedom and safety of an oppressed people. In April, 1776, still before the Philadelphia Declaration of Independence, the provincial congress of North Carolina appointed

a committee to prepare a civil constitution, and it was done so well that the document served some 60 years as the organic law of the state. And so it was that North Carolina opened the road that led up to the creation of the most progressive nation on the face of the earth, and the one whose influence has done most for the advancement of mankind.

Some Tory Sentiment.
All of this section of North Carolina was not enthusiastic in the Declaration of Independence. A portion of the settlers were ardent Tories—so ardent, in fact, that it was not until the war of 1812 that the Scotch of Cape Fear valley finally turned away absolutely from the royal standard.

The story is one of singular misfortune. The Cape Fear valley was settled largely by the adherents of the Stuart family, which met with such disaster at Culloden that many of the followers of the Pretender were banished to America for taking up arms against the British crown. Before these people were permitted to sail they were sworn on a binding oath to be loyal henceforth to the English king. When the settlers around them in North Carolina were rising against the royal governor, declaring independence, refusing to pay stamp taxes, making new constitutions and fighting against the king, the Scotch settlers were in arms under the British flag. Their oath and their bitter experience before migrating to America prompted them to keep away from any further rebellious acts.



Greene's Memory Worthy of Honor.
Next to Washington, Nathaniel Greene was the most potent force in our struggle for national independence. He was born on May 27, 1742, in a little farmhouse in Rhode Island. His boyhood was spent like that of the other youth of the neighborhood. Probably it was a little less exciting, for his father was a strict Quaker and pastor of a church at East Greenwich. He was also a "captain of industry" at that period. With his five brothers, he owned a forge, a grist mill, a sawmill, as well as a store for the sale of general merchandise.

Too Much to Ask.
The Lady—Can I have this sent on approval?
Clerk—Yes, madam, but you'll have to return it in seven days.
The Lady—Goodness, gracious! How can I make up my mind in seven days?
—Judge.

RED CROSS—GOODNESS YES.
Red Cross Ball Blue, yes. Nothing else will do. Red Cross Ball Blue makes my clothes a beautiful clear white, not the dingy yellow green tinge of liquid blue. Red Cross Ball Blue for me. Yes sir-e, Bob.—Adv.

Ouch!
"There is one thing I can't understand," he started to say.
"Only one?" she asked, without waiting for him to finish.
"There was one. Now there are two. The second is, why some girls never learn that it is only the pretty ones who can afford to be impertinent."

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"Too Late, Sir—Good-By."
A brigadier general just back from the front after the fierce battle which opened with the German attack in Picardy, tells the following story of an English officer: He was at one end of the telephone and a young captain in command of a half-company at a redoubt was at the other. The captain was rung up at least every quarter of an hour to report. The fight grew hotter, and he reported, "Things getting hotter, general. Think we can manage," and described what he was doing. "Getting very bad now, sir." Then "They're all over us." The general said: "Destroy your stuff and cut through as best you can. You're a glorious fellow." Then the voice said: "Too late, sir—good-by."

Grossly Material.
"What is your favorite perfume?"
"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "in the evening it's mint; but in the morning it's ham and eggs."

Most men are polished by bumping against the passing years.

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